

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sylvester Bad Cob was born on April 19, 1923, to Royal Thomas Bad Cob and Louisea Jumping Bull and lived most of his life in the Wanblee area; and,

Whereas, Sylvester spent his elementary and high school years attending the #24 Day School in Wanblee, Wanblee Public School, and Holy Rosary Mission School to attain his education; and,

Whereas, Sylvester was introduced to the game of basketball at the Holy Rosary Mission School and played in the State Catholic High School Basketball Tournament in 1941, which they won, and went on to the National Catholic High School Basketball Tournament in Chicago, Illinois—their first trip to a big city; and,

Whereas, Sylvester was instrumental in scoring the final basket from mid-court to out score their opponents 25-24 and win their second State Catholic High School Tournament; however, the 1942 National Catholic High School Basketball Tournament was cancelled due to our country's involvement in World War II; and,

Whereas, Sylvester joined the United States Navy on November 19, 1942, serving on several ships during his 14 years of active military service and then gave 25 years of service to the Russell Little Killer Bald Eagle Bear American Legion Post #269 holding various officer positions; and,

Whereas, Sylvester was employed as a fletcher (maker of arrows) with the Wanblee Archery Factory, an actor in "Lakota Woman," employee of the Wanblee CAP Green Thumb Program, and is currently employed by the Wanblee Headstart II Foster Grandparent Program; and,

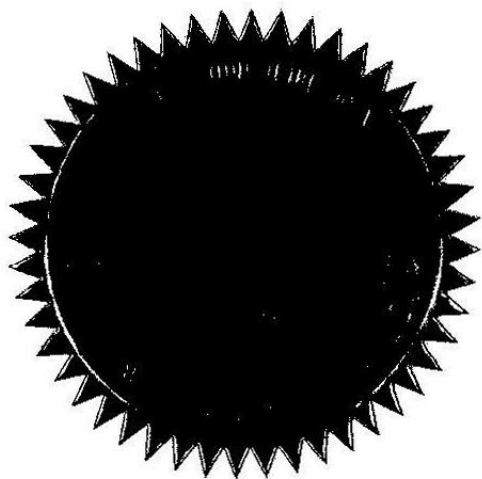
Whereas, Sylvester has received an Honorary High School Diploma from Little Wound School and two Honorary Degrees in Lakota Leadership from Oglala Lakota College as a World War II Veteran and Korean War Veteran:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2003, as

SYLVESTER BAD COB DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends and the entire community in recognizing him as an Elder and wishing him good health and happiness on his birthday and always.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State